

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA  
ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST  
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD  
EC CASE NO. 765-23  
22 SAP 01836

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS )  
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL )  
PRACTICE BOARD, )  
Petitioner, )  
v. )  
LESLIE DUNBAR, )  
(CADC-R No. 24491) )  
Respondent. )

**CONSENT ORDER**

THIS MATTER is before a Panel of the Ethics Committee (“the Panel”) of the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board (“the Board”), pursuant to Chapter 150B, Article 3A of the North Carolina General Statutes; the North Carolina Substance Use Disorder Professional Practice Act; and Chapter 68 of the North Carolina Administrative Code. The Board, with a quorum present, and Respondent stipulate and agree to the entry of the following Consent Order:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Petitioner Board was established by the North Carolina General Assembly to credential and regulate substance use disorder professional in North Carolina, in accordance with Chapter 90, Article 5C, of the North Carolina General Statutes.
2. Respondent currently is a citizen and resident of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, and is neither a minor nor an incompetent person.

3. On or about August 20, 2018, Respondent was registered by the Board as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (“CADC-R”) (License No. 24491). The registration will expire on August 19, 2023, unless renewed.
4. During all times relevant to this matter, Respondent was director and owner of Blossom Community Center Group Home (“Blossom”).
5. On or about February 9, 2023, the Board received an Ethics Complaint from a Special Investigator at Alliance Health alleging Respondent forged a Nurse Practitioner’s signature and billed for services not rendered at Blossom, designated by the Board as Ethics Complaint (“EC”) Case No. 765-23.
6. Upon investigation of EC Case No. 765-23, the Board determined the following:
  - a. On more than one occasion, staff members at Blossom witnessed Respondent submit billing for services rendered to a client when the client was not actually seen.
  - b. On March 22, 2022, May 1, 2022, and May 19, 2022, Respondent forged the signature of Doctor Robert Forinash (“Forinash”) on medical Service Orders.
  - c. On April 1, 2022, Respondent forged the signature of Nurse Practitioner Sabina Chindia Benel (“Benel”) on a medical Service Order.
  - d. Respondent billed for fifty-three (53) days in which she alleged service was rendered to a client, when, in fact, the client only received services on thirty-three (33) of those days.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

7. Respondent is subject to the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Act and the rules promulgated pursuant to that Act. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.
8. The acts and omissions of Respondent as described above constitute violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-113.44(a)(7) and (a)(9), 21 N.C.A.C. 68 .0511(a), as well as 21 N.C.A.C. 68 .0601(2), (3), (4), (5) and (7).
9. Respondent committed one or more of the violations described above. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-113.33(2), the Board has the authority to deny, suspend, or revoke Respondent's licensure, certification, or registration to practice in this State or reprimand or otherwise discipline Respondent's license, certificate, or registration in North Carolina.

BASED upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and in lieu of further proceedings, Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte* whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written.

Whereas Respondent acknowledges that s/he read this entire document and understands it;

Whereas Respondent acknowledges that s/he enters into this Consent Order freely and voluntarily;

Whereas Respondent acknowledges that s/he had full and adequate opportunity to confer with legal counsel in connection with this matter;

Whereas Respondent understands that this Consent Order must be presented to the Board for approval and that Respondent hereby waives any argument that any Board members

considering this Consent Order are disqualified from participating in a hearing of this matter;  
and

Whereas the Board has determined that the public interest is served by resolving this matter as set forth below.

THEREFORE, with the consent of Respondent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Respondent hereby voluntarily permanently surrenders her registration as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC-R No. 24491) from the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board.
2. The parties agree that this Consent Order contains an adverse action and, therefore, will be reported to the National Practitioners Data Bank (the "Data Bank") through the Public Protection Database ("PPD") as follows: While providing services in her capacity as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor Registrant, Respondent forged the signatures of a doctor and a nurse practitioner on medical service orders and billed for services that were not actually rendered to a client.
3. The Board shall retain jurisdiction under Article 3A, Chapter 150B for all administrative hearings held in connection with or pursuant to this Consent Order. If the Board receives evidence that Respondent has violated any term of this Consent Order or any other law or rule enforced by the Board, the Board shall schedule a show cause hearing for a determination of the violations. If the Board determines that a violation has occurred, the Board may impose such disciplinary action as it determines is appropriate and is authorized by law.
4. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by the Board and

Respondent and reflect the entire agreement between Respondent and the Board, there being no agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies, alters, or modifies this Consent Order.

5. No modification or waiver of any provision of this Consent Order shall be effective unless it is in writing, adopted and approved by the Board, and signed by the parties affected.
6. Both the Board and Respondent participated in the drafting of this Consent Order. Any ambiguities herein shall not be construed against either party in any future civil or administrative proceeding.
7. The Board contends that, in the event of a hearing, the evidence would be adequate to provide the occurrences set out herein. The Respondent disputes some of the allegations set forth in the Notice of Hearing, but, in view of the time, cost, and uncertainty of a hearing, Respondent consents to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and other terms of this Consent Order, for the purposes of this Consent Order.
8. Respondent hereby waives any requirement under any law or rule that this Consent Order be served upon them.
9. Each party to this proceeding shall bear their own costs, and the Board shall bear its own costs of investigation.
10. Upon its execution by the Board and Respondent, this Consent Order shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the provisions thereof.

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CONSENTED TO:

LESLIE DUNBAR



Date: 06/08/2023

By Order of the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board, this the  
10th day of June, 2023.

By:



Nyi Myint, Ethics Chair

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that the undersigned has this date served the foregoing **Consent Order** upon the following party by US Mail, postage prepaid, First Class, and addressed as follows:

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**COURTESY COPY:**  
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This the 12 day of June, 2023.

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